IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

C.W.P. No. 11898 of 2007
Date of Decision: 11.12.2007

Ms.Parul Mahajan.

..... Petitioner through Shri Arvind Seth, Advocate.

Versus

The Panjab University and another.

..... Respondents through Shri Anupam Gupta, Advocate.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJENDER JAIN,
CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

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VIJENDER JAIN, CHIEF JUSTICE

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, especially in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to consider her candidature for admission to the course leading to award of degree in Master of Laws (hereinafter referred to as `LL.M. Course').

It is the pleaded case of the petitioner that she had obtained her degree in Bachelor of Laws (for short, `LL.B.') and was eligible to be considered for LL.M. Course for which cut-off date was July 3,2007 and the same was never depicted in the Hand-book of Information nor was it stated

in the result card. The petitioner, who had applied after the cut-off date, i.e., on 16.7.2007, on account of her being unwell, was informed that her case would be considered on 25.7.2007 which was the date when the result of LL.B. Course was to be declared.

It is necessary to mention here that for seeking admission to LL.M. Course, the requisite qualification is the degree of LL.B.

The respondent-University, which was called upon to answer the averments made in the writ petition, brought on record that July 3,2007 was, indeed, the cut-off date for applying for admission in LL.M. Course, but the petitioner could not have any grievance regarding this fact and make a grouse of the declaration of result of LL.B. Course on 25.7.2007 in view of the fact that she had obtained her LL.B.degree in the year 2005.

We have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Initially, we were swayed by the contention raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner that since the result of LL.B. Course was to be declared on 25.7.2007 which was the requisite degree for seeking admission to LL.M. Course, the providing of cut-off date prior to the declaration of result of LL.B. Course would have certainly prejudiced the rights of the petitioner, but having regard to the fact that she had already obtained the LL.B. degree in the year 2005, she cannot make a grievance of the cut-off date which was July 3,2007. She was required to be vigilant to safe-guard her own interest and having not applied for, in time, no indulgence can be shown to her by this Court.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner prayed that the

Vice Chancellor of the respondent-University has the power to condone the lapse and consider the case for admission to LL.M. Course. We do not wish to enter into this domain and leave it to the authorities concerned, who may, in their wisdom, deal with the case of the petitioner appropriately if she so approaches them.

With the aforesaid observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

(Vijender Jain)
Chief Justice

December 11,2007
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(Mahesh Grover)
Judge